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Jerry Boatz (PRSP) et al., "New Materials Design" (Viewgraphs)

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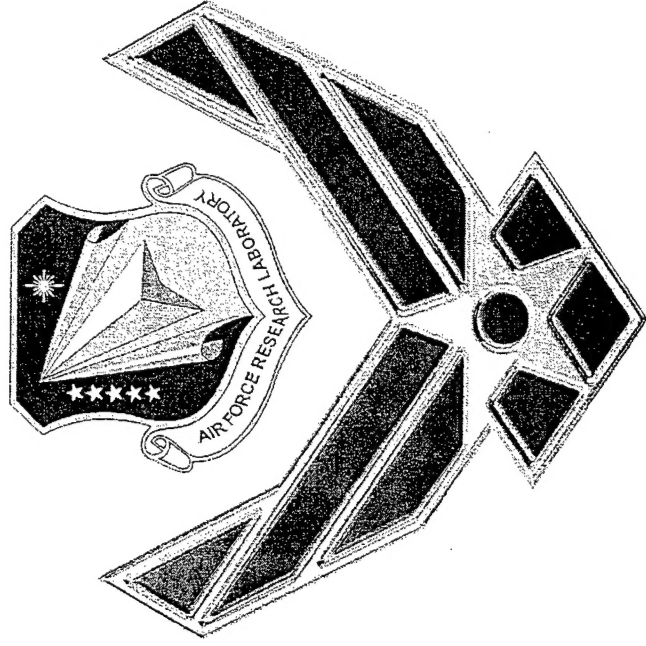
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# New Materials Design

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Austin, TX

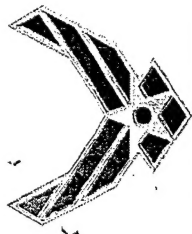


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# NEW MATERIALS DESIGN



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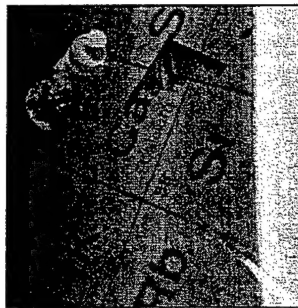
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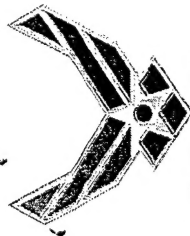


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# OUTLINE



## 1. Project Overview

- High energy density matter
- Polyhedral oligomeric silsesquioxanes (POSS)
- Non-linear optical materials

## 2. Theoretical Methods and benchmarks

- Ab initio electronic structure theory
- Nuclear-electronic orbital approach
- Centroid Molecular Dynamics

## 3. Results

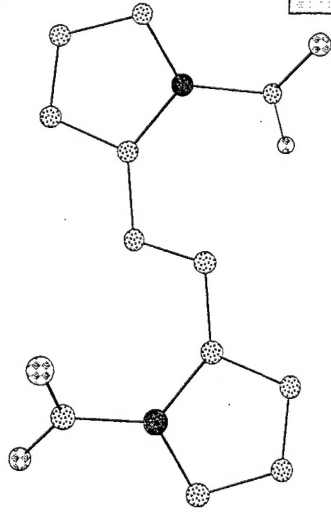
## 4. Summary



# PROJECT OVERVIEW - HEDM



## High Energy Density Matter -- next generation rocket propellants

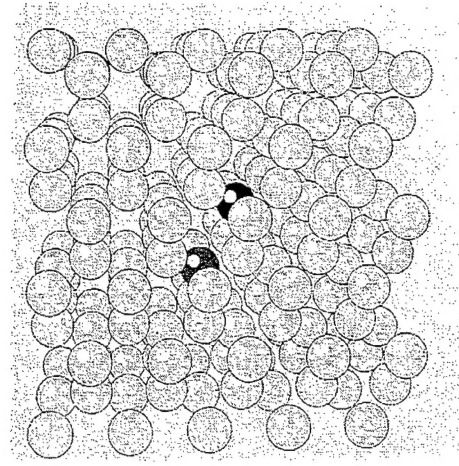


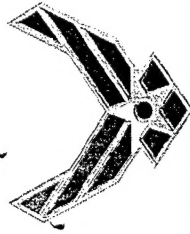
High-nitrogen/polynitrogen compounds

Specific Impulse

$$I_{sp} \propto \sqrt{\Delta H / \overline{m}}$$

Atom-doped solid hydrogen





# PROJECT OVERVIEW - HEDM



## Technical issues being addressed using CCM

### 1. High-nitrogen/polynitrogen compounds

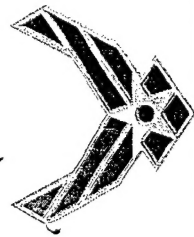
Objective: identify, characterize, and synthesize stable compounds with high heats of formation, high densities

- structures, energy content, stabilities, reaction pathways

### 2. Energetic atoms in solid hydrogen

Objective: stabilize ~5% energetic atoms in solid hydrogen

- stabilities, mobilities, concentration limits of atoms stored in hydrogen matrices

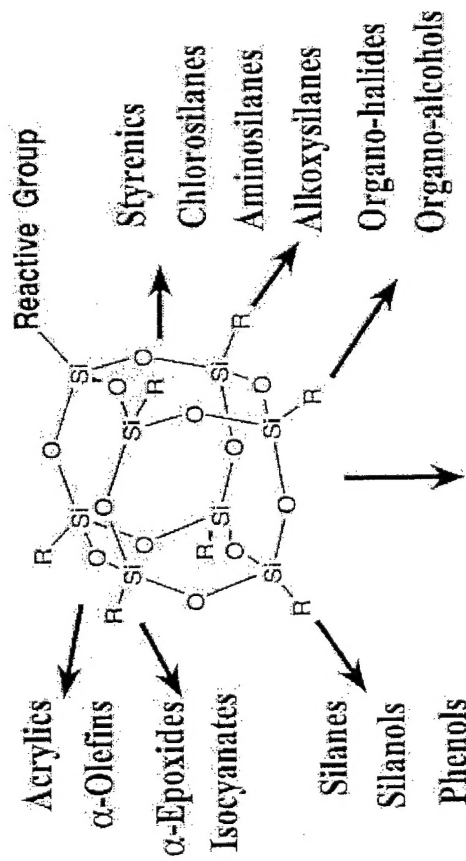


# PROJECT OVERVIEW - POSS



## Polyhedral oligomeric silsesquioxanes -- next generation plastics

Molecular Silica



### As Additives

Heat/abrasion resistant paints and coatings  
Mechanical property/viscosity/thermal modifiers  
Crosslinking agents  
Fire retardants

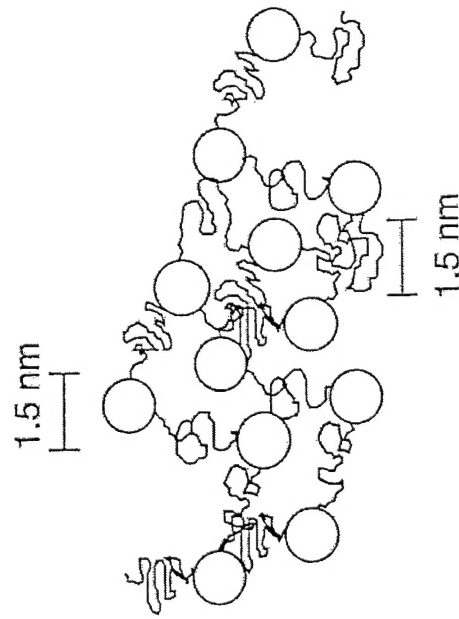
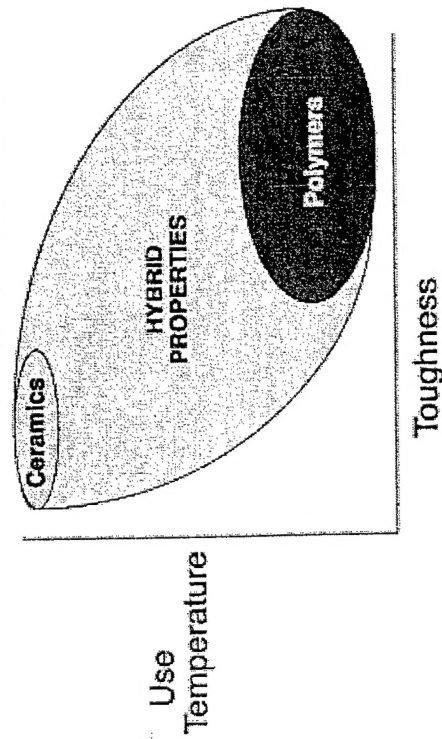
### As Plastics

Medical materials  
Space resistant resins  
Packaging/coatings  
Electronic materials  
Optical Plastics

### As Preceramics

Ablative materials (nozzles, insulations etc.)  
Claddings/electronics coatings  
Precursors to glassy or ceramic matrices

### HYBRID POLYMERS







# PROJECT OVERVIEW - POSS



## Technical issues being addressed using CCM

### 1. Mechanisms of formation

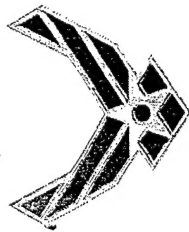
**Objective:** rational design and synthesis of POSS

- role of solvents, acid/base catalysis, substituent effects on mechanism of formation

### 2. Potential applications as molecular “sieves”

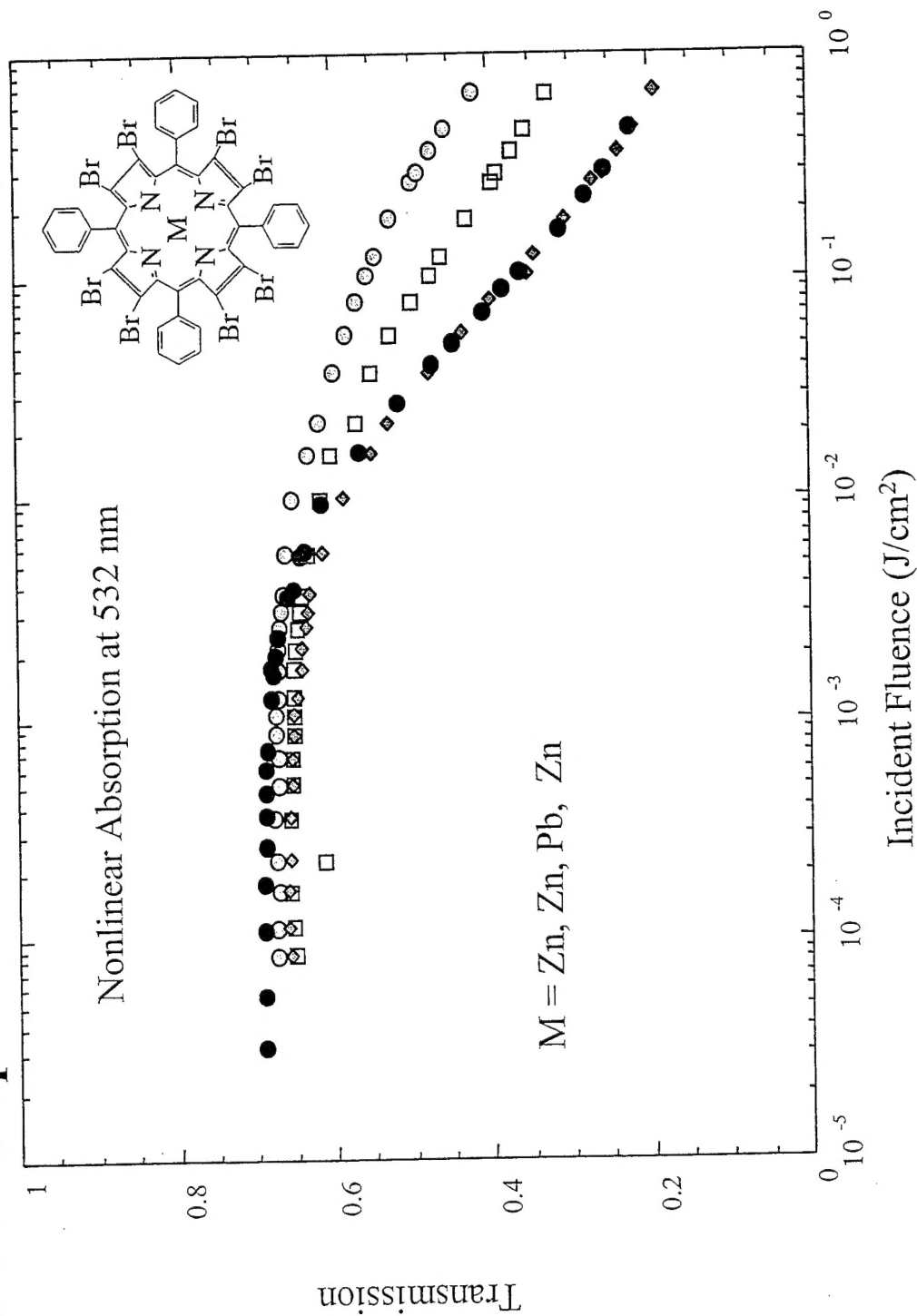
**Objective:** determine if POSS cages can be used to separate small molecules

- determine barriers to encapsulation of  $N_2$  and  $O_2$



# PROJECT OVERVIEW - NLO

## Non-linear optical materials for laser-hardened applications



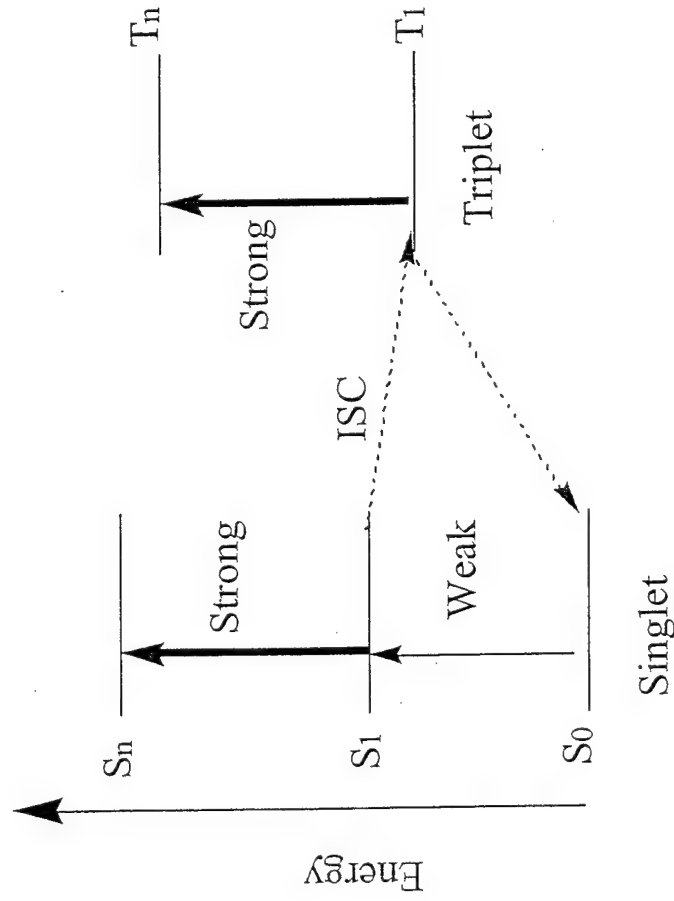


# PROJECT OVERVIEW - NLO



## Technical issues being addressed using CCM

### 1. Mechanism of reverse saturable absorption (RSA)



#### Key Components of RSA

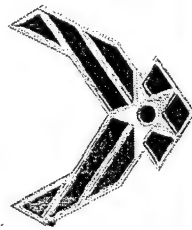
Ground state spectra (linear response)

Singlet-triplet splittings (ISC, phosphorescence)

Ionization potential (photoionization)

Excited triplet spectra (NLA)

Five-level model for nonlinear absorption

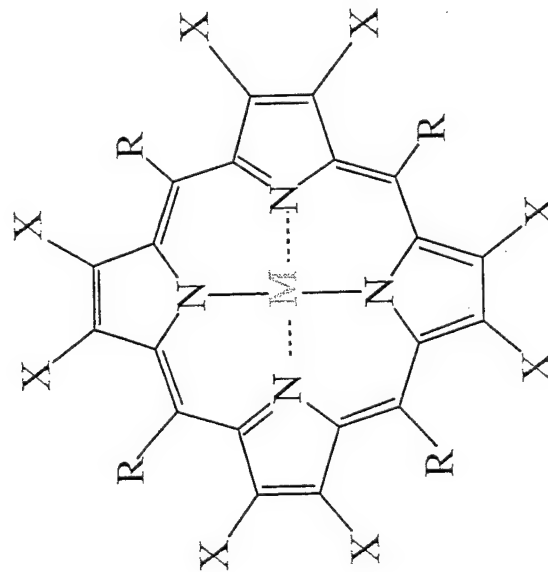


# PROJECT OVERVIEW - NLO



## Technical issues being addressed using CCM

### 2. "Tuning" of absorption spectrum by benzannulation, halide substitution



System	Property						
	M	X	R	IP	S <sub>0</sub> -S <sub>n</sub>	S <sub>0</sub> -T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>1</sub> -T <sub>n</sub>
PH <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub>	H	H	E, C	E, C	E, C	E, C
ZnP	Zn	H	H	E, C	E, C	E, C	E, C
TPPH <sub>2</sub>	Zn	H	φ	E, C	E, C	E, C	E, C
ZnTPP	Zn	H	φ	E, C	E, C	E, C	E, C
ZnTPPBr <sub>8</sub>	Zn	Br	φ	C	E, C	E, C	E, C

IP = Ionization Potential, S<sub>0</sub>-S<sub>n</sub> = Ground State Spectrum,  
 S<sub>0</sub>-T<sub>1</sub> = Singlet-Triplet Gap T<sub>1</sub>-T<sub>n</sub> = Triplet-Triplet Spectrum  
 E = Experiment, C = Calculated



# THEORETICAL METHODS

## 1. Ab initio electronic structure theory

- General Atomic and Molecular Electronic Structure System (GAMESS) -- a CHSSI code
- Nuclear-electronic orbital approach (NEO) for including nuclear quantum effects (important, e.g., in proton transfer reactions)

Various computational techniques are employed to solve the molecular electronic Schrödinger equation from quantum mechanics:

$$\left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \nabla_i^2 - \sum_i \sum_{\alpha} \frac{Z_{\alpha}}{r_{i\alpha}} + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \right] \Psi_{el} = E_{el} \Psi_{el}$$

Categories of approximate solutions:

- a) "Self-consistent field" (SCF): reasonably good geometries
- b) "Electron correlation": post-SCF correction, required for reliable energetics (e.g., barriers).



# THEORETICAL METHODS

1. Ab initio electronic structure theory (cont.)
  - Most electronic structure codes use Born-Oppenheimer (i.e., “clamped nuclei”) approximation -- NOE method treats specified nuclei at QM level.

## Nuclear-Electronic Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_q; \mathbf{r}_c) = & -\sum_i \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i^2 - \sum_i \sum_A \frac{N_e N_c}{r_{iA}} + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} \frac{N_e N_c}{r_{ij}} \\
 & - \sum_I \frac{1}{2M_I} \nabla_I^2 + \sum_I \sum_A \frac{N_p N_c}{r_{IA}} + \sum_I \sum_{J>I} \frac{N_p N_p}{r_{IJ}} \\
 & - \sum_i \sum_I \frac{N_e N_p}{r_{iI}} + \sum_A \sum_{B>A} \frac{N_c N_c}{r_{AB}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$N_e$ : number of electrons (coordinates  $\mathbf{r}_e$ )  
 $N_p$ : number of quantum nuclei (coordinates  $\mathbf{r}_p$ )  
 $N_c$ : number of classical nuclei (coordinates  $\mathbf{r}_c$ )



# THEORETICAL METHODS

## Ab initio electronic structure theory

### Current Status of parallel GAMESS

	<u>RHF</u>	<u>ROHF</u>	<u>UHF</u>	<u>GVB</u>	<u>MCSCF</u>
Energy	cdp	cdp	cdp	cdp	cdp
Analytic Gradient	cdp	cdp	cdp	cdp	cdp
Numeric Hessian	cdp	cdp	cdp	cdp	cdp
Analytic Hessian	cdp	cdp	-	cdp	-
MP2 energy	cdp	cdp	cdp	-	c p
MP2 gradient	cdp	-	cd	-	-
CI energy	cdp	cdp	-	cdp	cdp
CI gradient	cd	-	-	-	-
DFT energy	cdp	cdp	cdp	-	-
DFT gradient	cdp	cdp	cdp	-	-

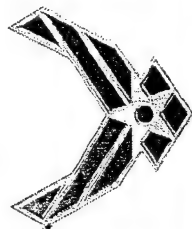
c = conventional disk storage of AO integrals

d = direct evaluation of AO integrals

p = runs in parallel



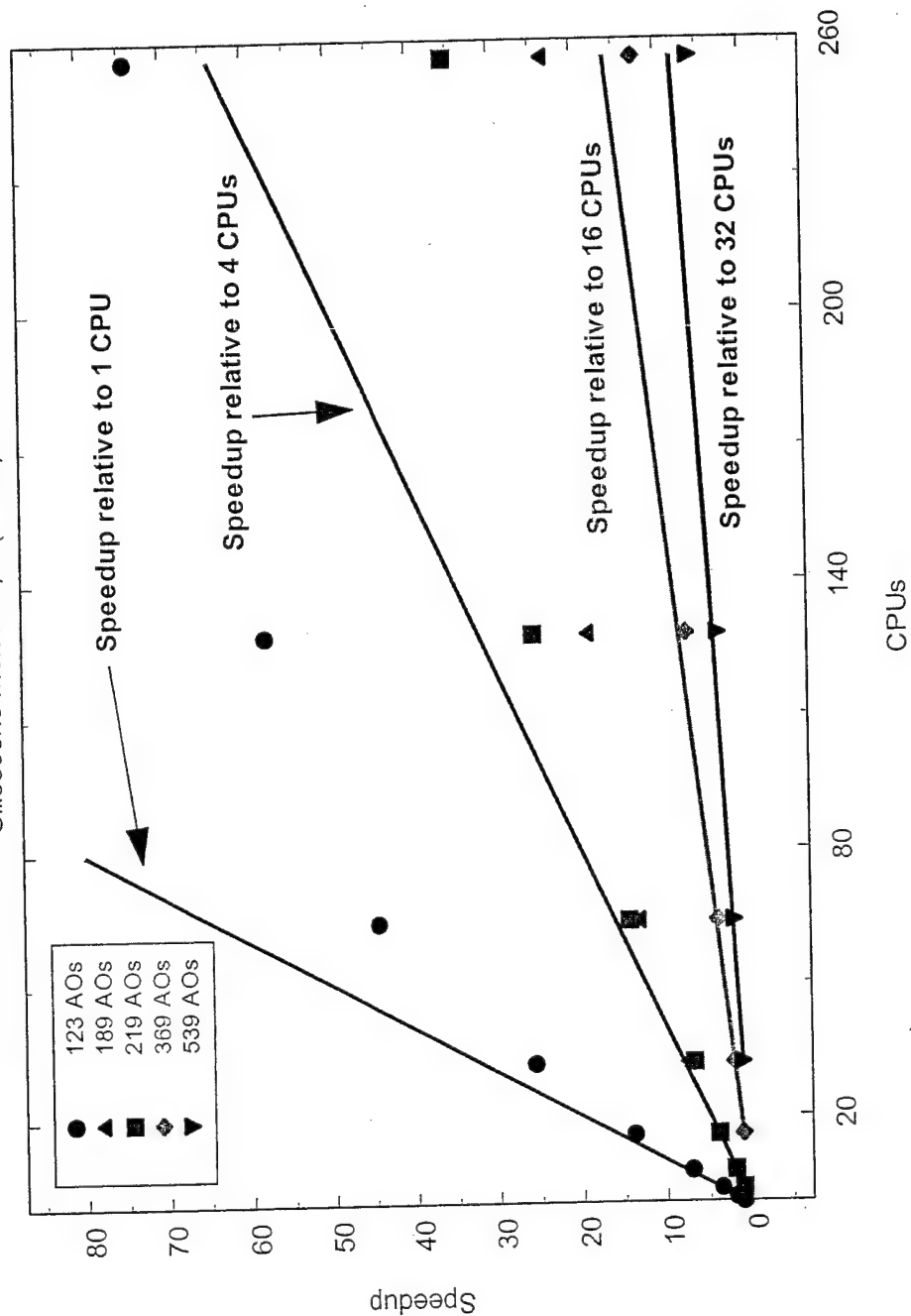
# THEORETICAL METHODS



## Ab initio electronic structure theory

MP2 Gradient Scalability Test

Silicocene molecule,  $\text{Si}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_2$



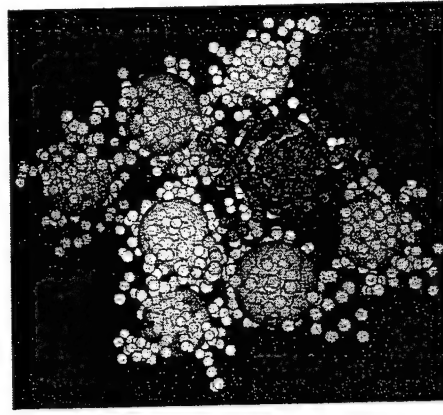
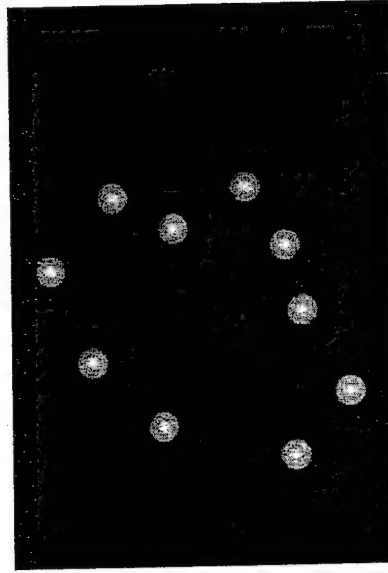
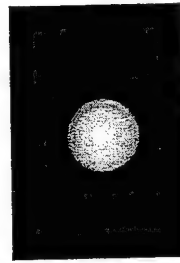




# THEORETICAL METHODS

## Path Integral Molecular Dynamics & Centroid Molecular Dynamics (CHSSI codes)

Simulation methods based on path integral techniques for mapping quantum particles onto “polymer ring” of classical quasiparticles:



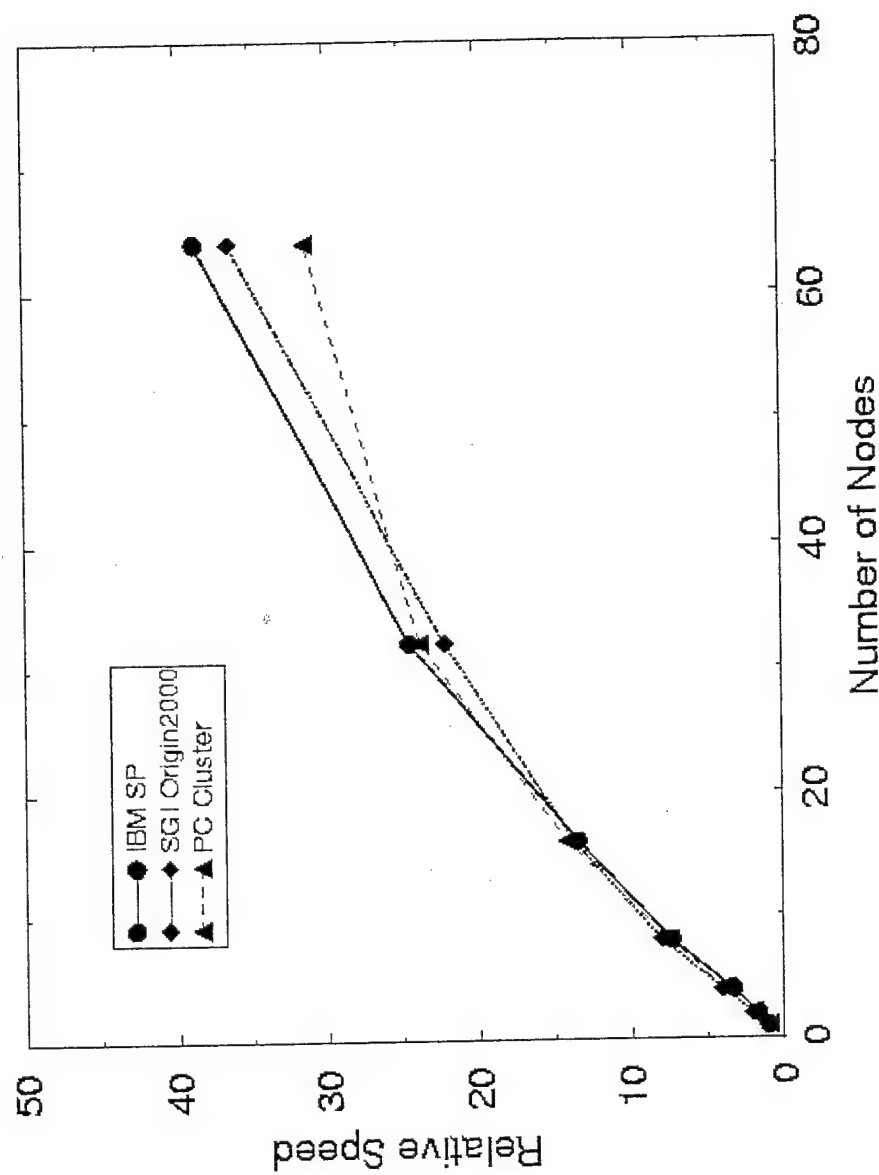
Each “real” particle is replaced by  $N$  ( $50 < N < 500$ ) quasiparticles; classical dynamics done on collection of quasiparticles  $\Rightarrow$  natural, efficient parallelism.



# THEORETICAL METHODS

## Path Integral Molecular Dynamics & Centroid Molecular Dynamics

### Code Scaling



Input>rocket, chamber, 20.410000, exhaust, 0.010000

Rocket specific impulse calculation:

The chamber pressure = 20.41 atm

The exhaust pressure = 0.01 atm

The initial equation error was huge: 24728.149173

The Chamber State:

Reference state = reactants

H(R) = H-1773.07, E(R) = E-1773.05, S(R) = S- 0.00

	P (ATM)	V (CC/GM)	T (K)	H(R) (CAL/GM)	E(R) (CAL/GM)	S(R) (CAL/K/GM)	VGS (CC/GM)
1.)	20.4	909.6888	6436.6	0.00	-449.64	2.389	909.6888

Product concentrations

Name	(mol/kg)	(mol gas/mol explosive)
n2 Gas	2.112e+001	5.410e+000
co Gas	7.734e+000	1.981e+000
no Gas	4.609e+000	1.180e+000
o2 Gas	1.561e+000	3.998e-001
co2 Gas	7.513e-002	1.924e-002
no2 Gas	1.418e-003	3.632e-004
*c solid	0.000e+000	0.000e+000

Total Gas	3.510e+001	8.990e+000
Total Cond.	0.000e+000	0.000e+000

The Exhaust State:

Reference state = reactants

H(R) = H-1773.07, E(R) = E-1773.05, S(R) = S- 0.00

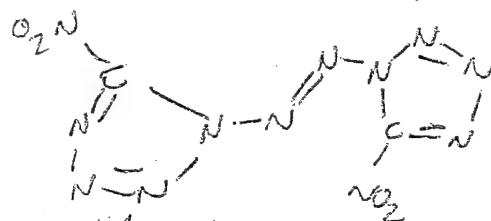
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1.)	0.0	565350.1813	2148.9	-1863.53	-2000.43	2.389565350.1813	

Product concentrations

Name	(mol/kg)	(mol gas/mol explosive)
n2 Gas	2.337e+001	5.984e+000
co2 Gas	6.157e+000	1.577e+000
co Gas	1.652e+000	4.232e-001
o2 Gas	7.645e-001	1.958e-001
no Gas	1.234e-001	3.160e-002
no2 Gas	5.283e-006	1.353e-006
*c solid	0.000e+000	0.000e+000

Total Gas	3.206e+001	8.212e+000
Total Cond.	0.000e+000	0.000e+000

The specific impulse = 402.54 seconds



$\Delta H_f = +1500 \text{ KJ/mol}$  SRI stuff



# RESULTS - HEDM

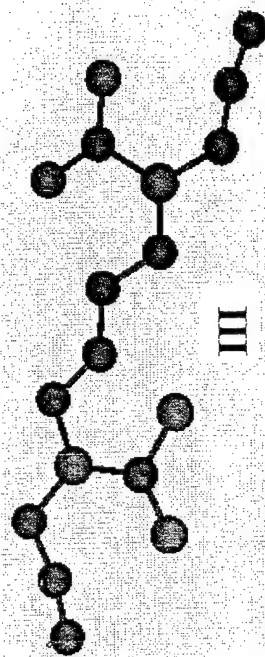
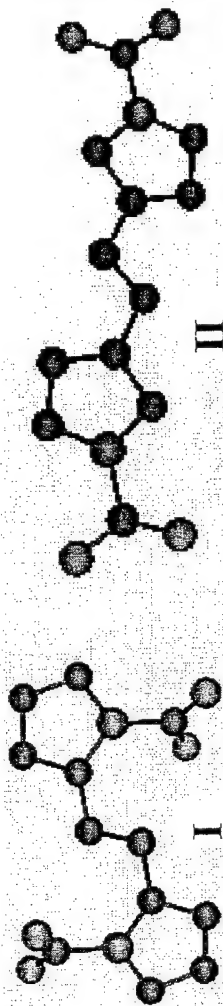
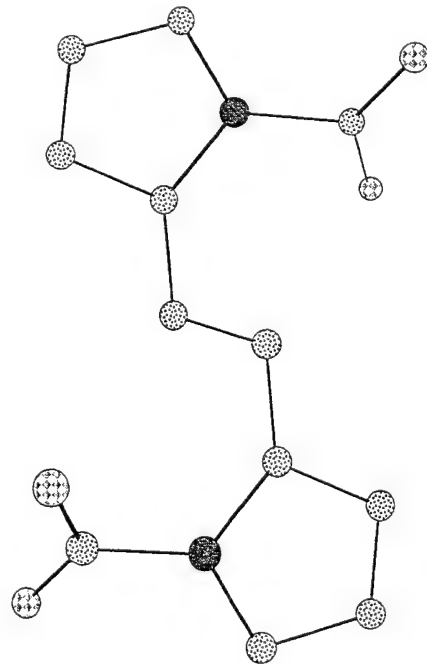


## High-nitrogen/polynitrogen compounds

Predicted  $\Delta H_f = 457$  kcal/mol,  $I_{sp} = 329$  sec (sea level)  
( $I_{sp}$  for hydrazine = 233 sec)

Relative energies (kcal/mol)

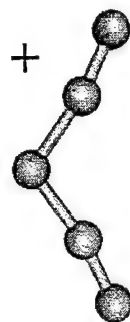
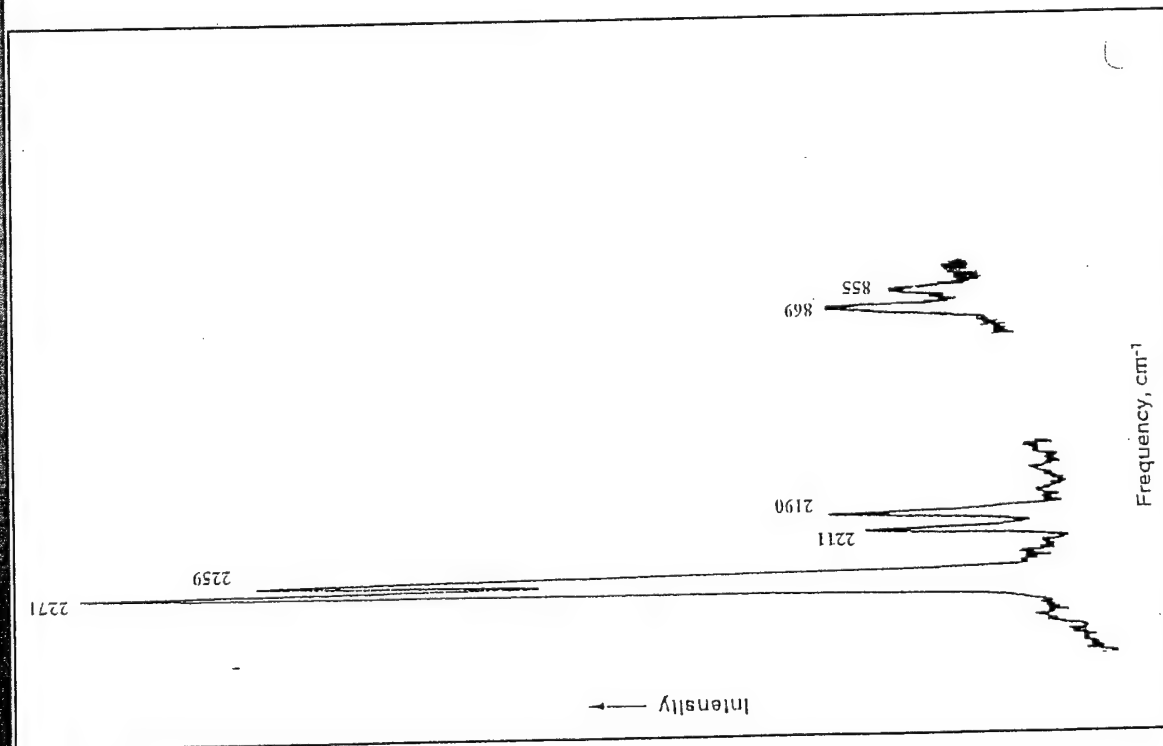
I: 0    II: -15    III: +36



Computational requirements: 4500 MW memory, ~350,000 node-hrs, ERDC T3E



# Identifying a Completely New Molecule: Comparison of Calculated and Measured Spectra



and



## $^{14}\text{N} - ^{15}\text{N}$ Isotopic Shifts ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

Mode	Obs.	Calc. <sup>†</sup>
$\nu_1(a_1)$	12	11.8
$\nu_7(b_2)$	21	21.4
$\nu_2(a_1)$	14	14.1

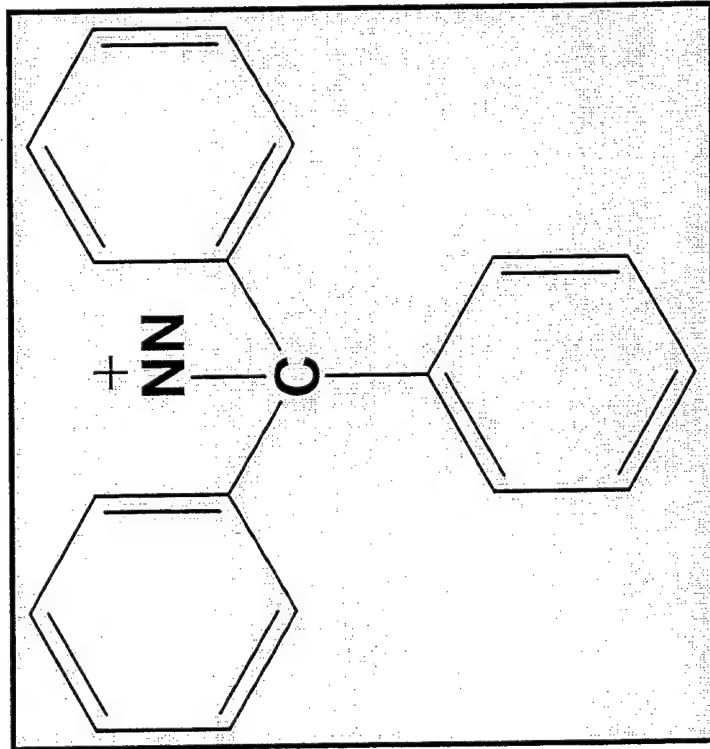
<sup>†</sup>CCSD(T)/6-311+G(2d) results



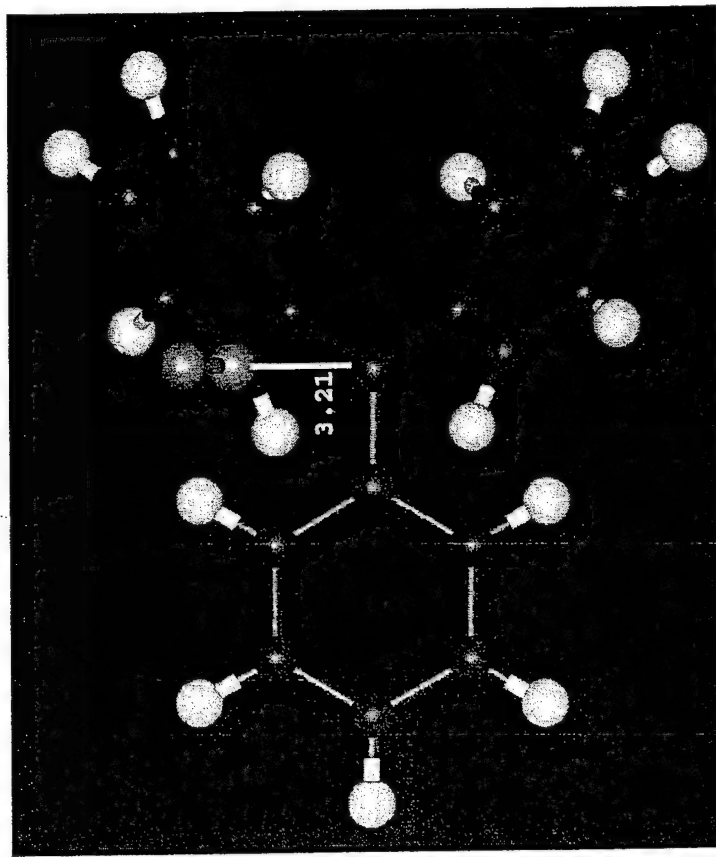
## Identifying Precursors for New Polynitrogens



*This ion has been suggested  
as a useful precursor to new  
polynitrogen molecules...*



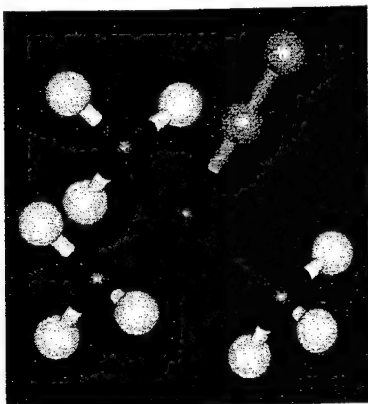
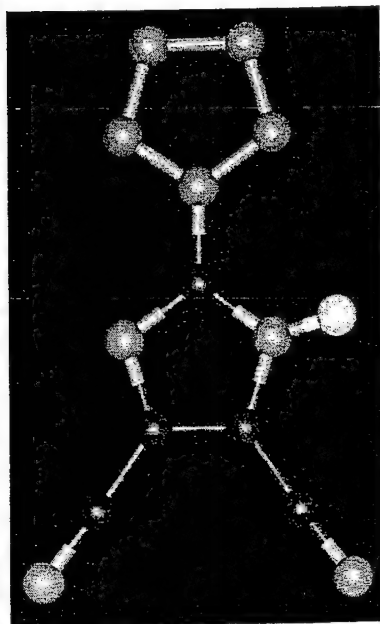
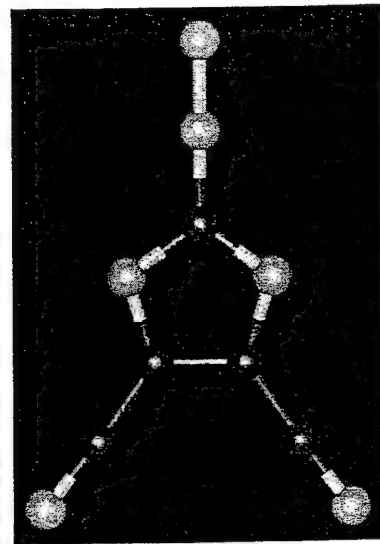
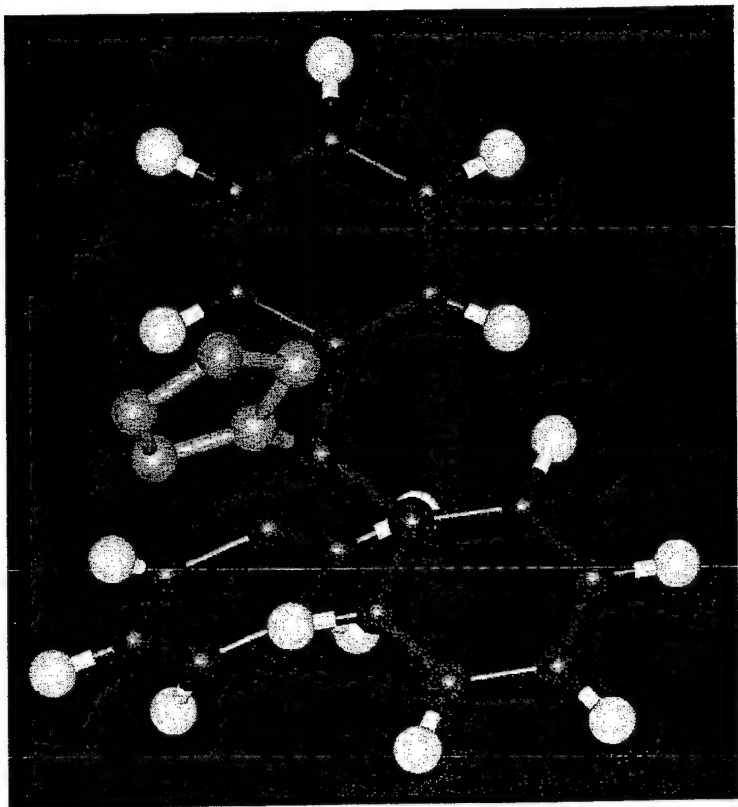
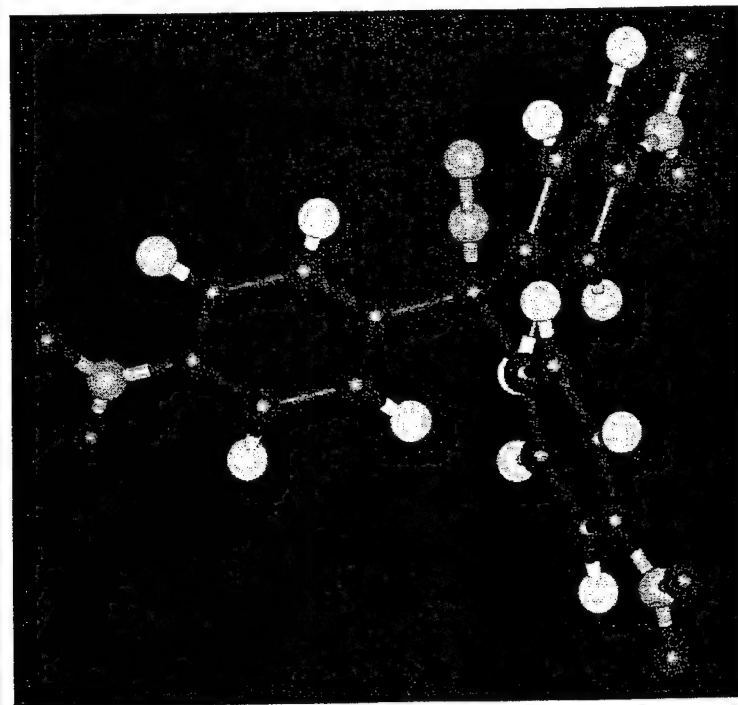
*... but calculations predict it to be  
unstable.*

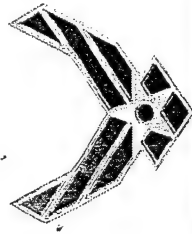


Computational requirements: ~10,000 CPU-hours, 1200 MW on IBM SP/P3 at ASC



## Other Potential Polynitrogen Precursors Being Investigated





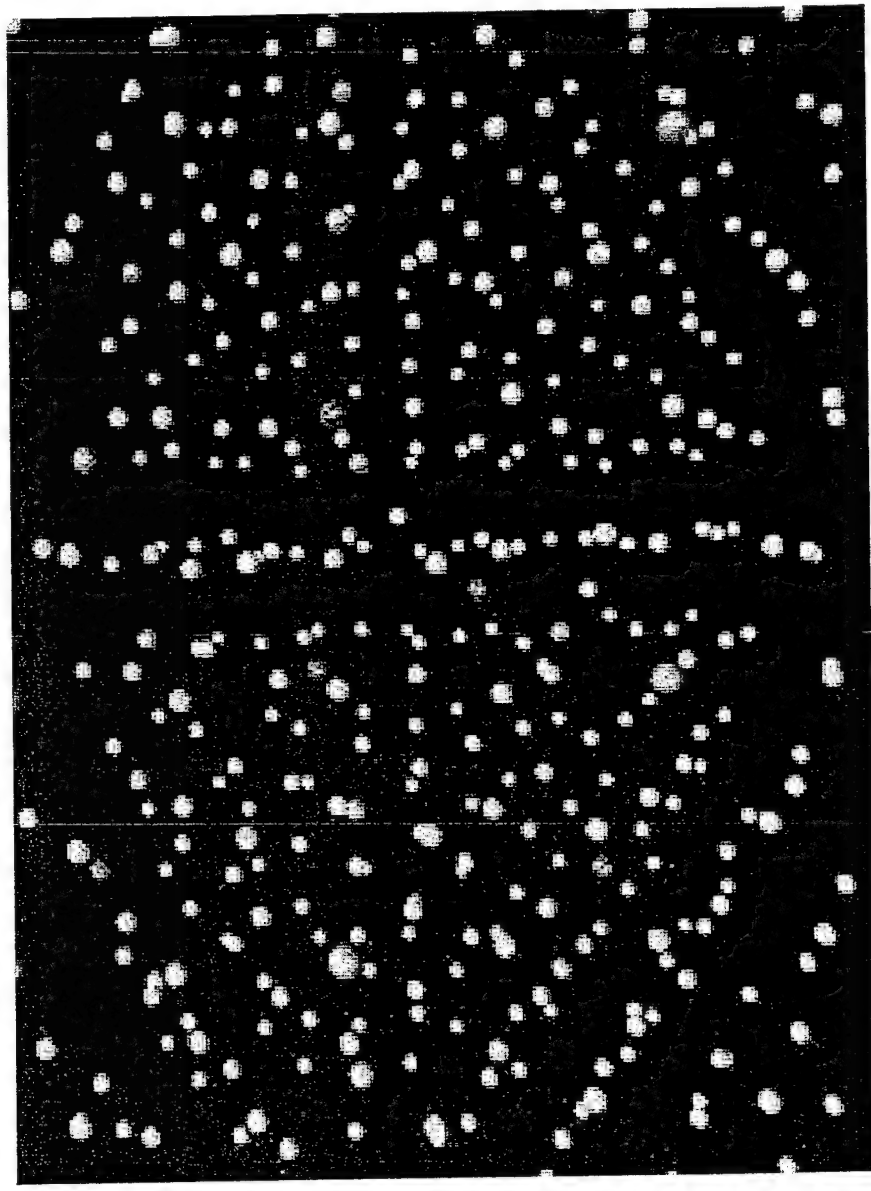
# Atom-Doped Solid Hydrogen



6.25% B atoms in solid *para*-H<sub>2</sub>

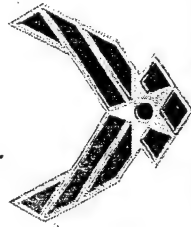
## Previous key results

1. In sH<sub>2</sub>, B atoms more stable than Li atoms
2. No recombination of B atoms seen at concentrations up to 6.25%.
3. “Forced” recombination of B atoms does not trigger phase separation.



Computational requirements: ~50,000 CPU-hrs, MHPCC IBM SP

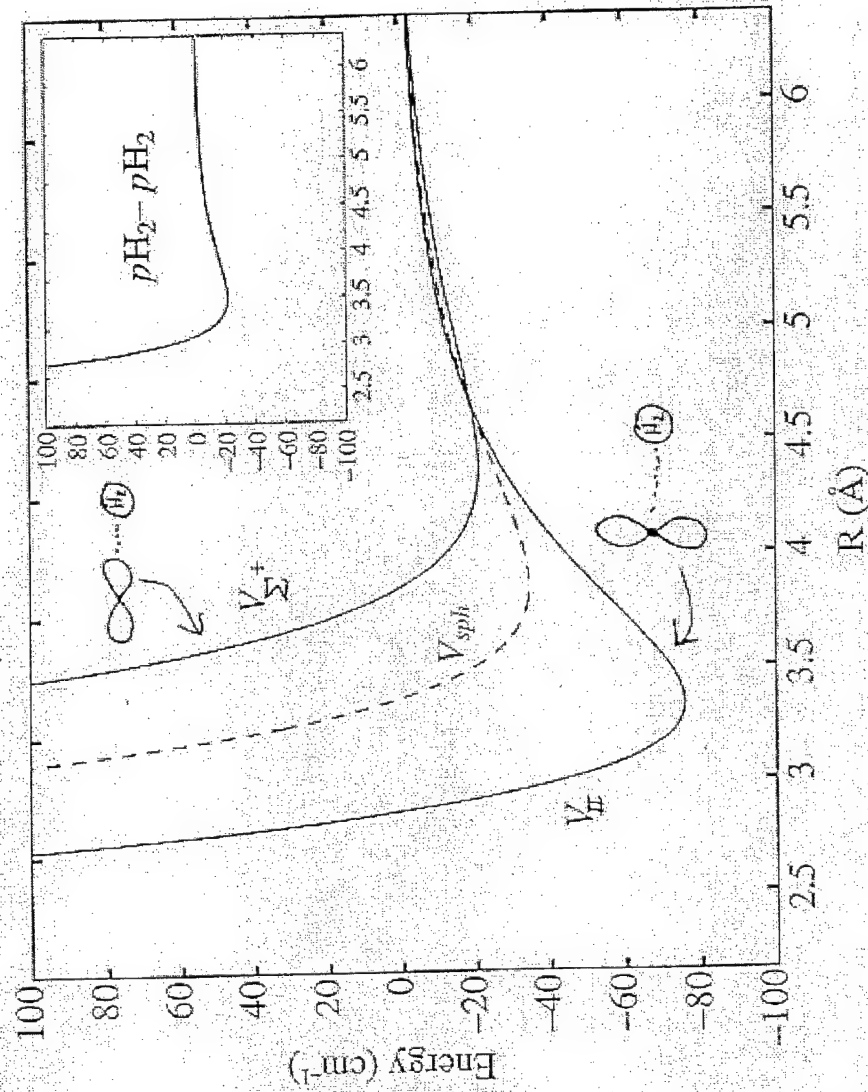




# Atom-Doped Solid Hydrogen



How important is the orientational dependence of B-H<sub>2</sub> (Al-H<sub>2</sub>) interactions in B/sH<sub>2</sub> (Al/sH<sub>2</sub>)?

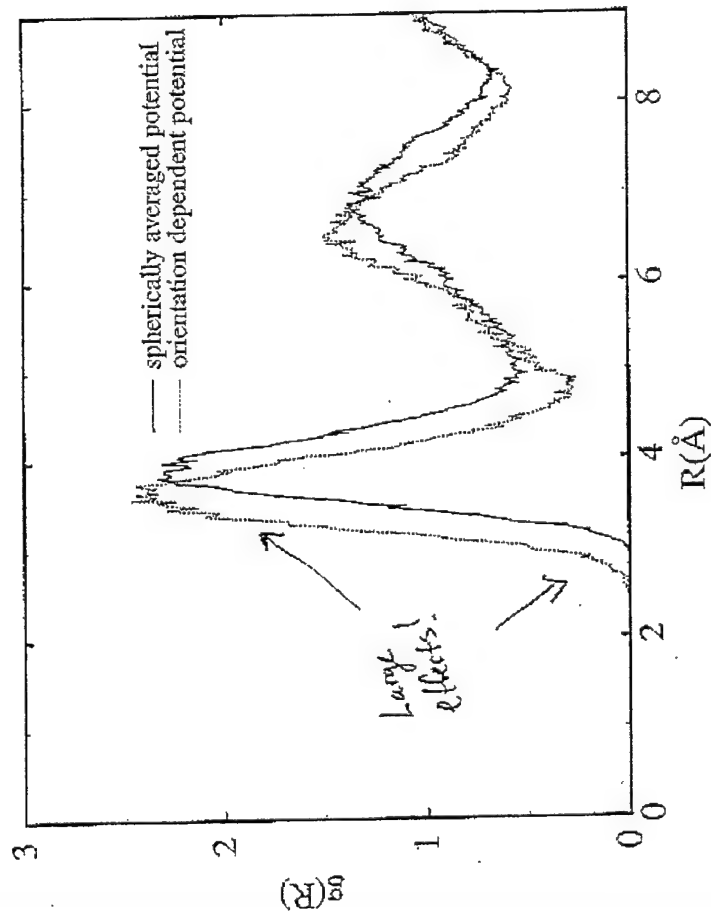




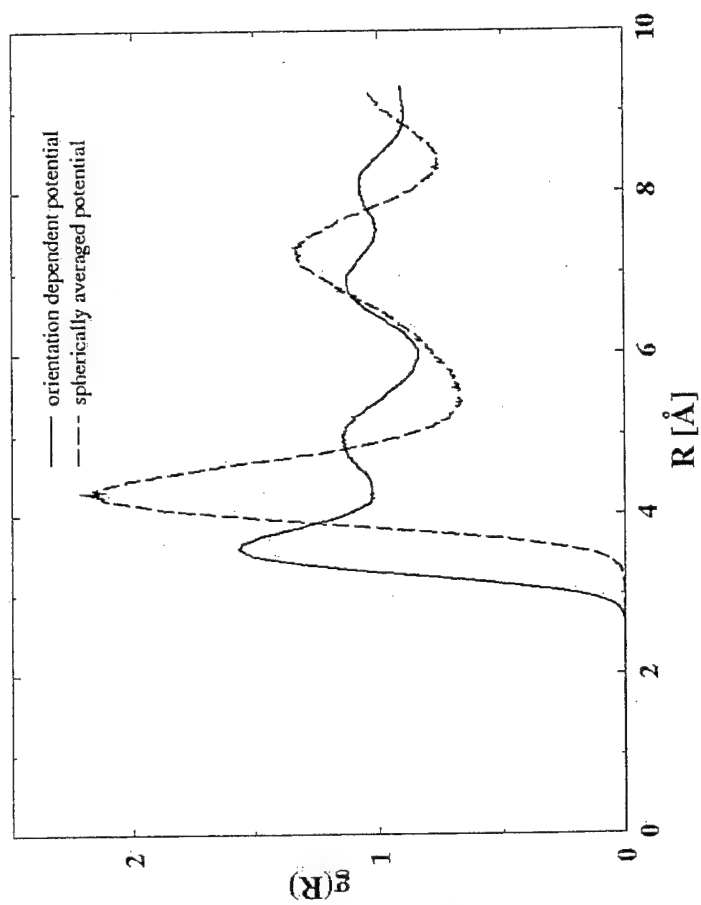
# Atom-Doped Solid Hydrogen



B-H<sub>2</sub> pair correlation function



Al-H<sub>2</sub> pair correlation function





# Atom-Doped Solid Hydrogen



B-H<sub>2</sub> and Al-H<sub>2</sub> interaction energies (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

	$\langle V_{B-H_2} \rangle$	$\langle V_{Al-H_2} \rangle$
<b>Impurity no defect</b>		
Orientation dependent	-546.72 (1.92)	-263.41 (3.33)
Spherically averaged	-443.32 (1.92)	-177.37 (1.26)
<b>Impurity &amp; defect</b>		
Orientation dependent	-538.49 (6.06)	-273.86 (2.37)
Spherically averaged	-439.88 (3.56)	-179.52 (1.90)

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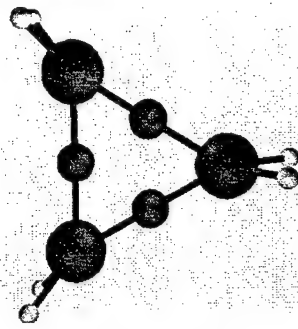
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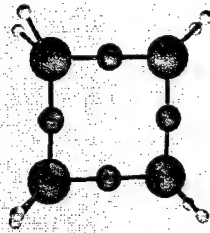
## Mechanism of formation

### Key steps

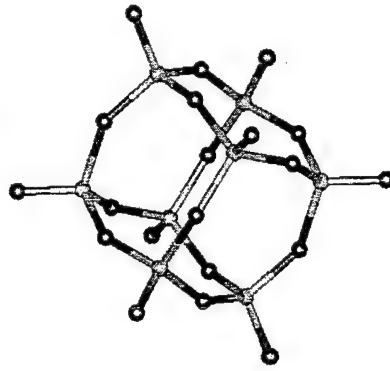
1. Hydrolysis of  $\text{RSiX}_3$  ( $\text{R}=\text{H}, \text{CH}_3, \text{t-butyl}, \text{etc.}; \text{X}=\text{Cl}$ )  
$$\text{RSiCl}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{RSiCl}_2\text{OH} + \text{HCl}$$
$$\text{RSiCl}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{RSiCl(OH)}_2 + \text{HCl}$$
$$\text{RSiCl(OH)}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{RSi(OH)}_3$$
2. Condensation of  $\text{RSi(OH)}_3$  to disiloxane  
$$2 \text{RSi(OH)}_3 \rightarrow \text{R(OH)}_2\text{SiOSi(OH)}_2\text{R} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
3. Condensation of disiloxane to  $\text{D}_3, \text{D}_4$   
$$\text{RSi(OH)}_3 + \text{R(OH)}_2\text{SiOSi(OH)}_2\text{R} \rightarrow \text{D}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
  
[2+2]:  $2\text{R(OH)}_2\text{SiOSi(OH)}_2\text{R} \rightarrow \text{D}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
[3+1]:  $\text{RSi(OH)}_3 + \text{R(OH)}_2\text{SiOSi(OH)}_2\text{R} \rightarrow \text{D}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
Ring Expansion:  $\text{RSi(OH)}_3 + \text{D}_3 \rightarrow \text{D}_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
4. Condensation of  $\text{D}_3, \text{D}_4$  to POSS (in progress)  
$$2\text{D}_4 \rightarrow \text{T}_8 + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$$
  
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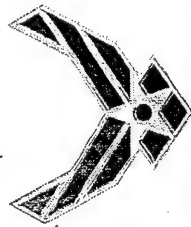
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D4



T8



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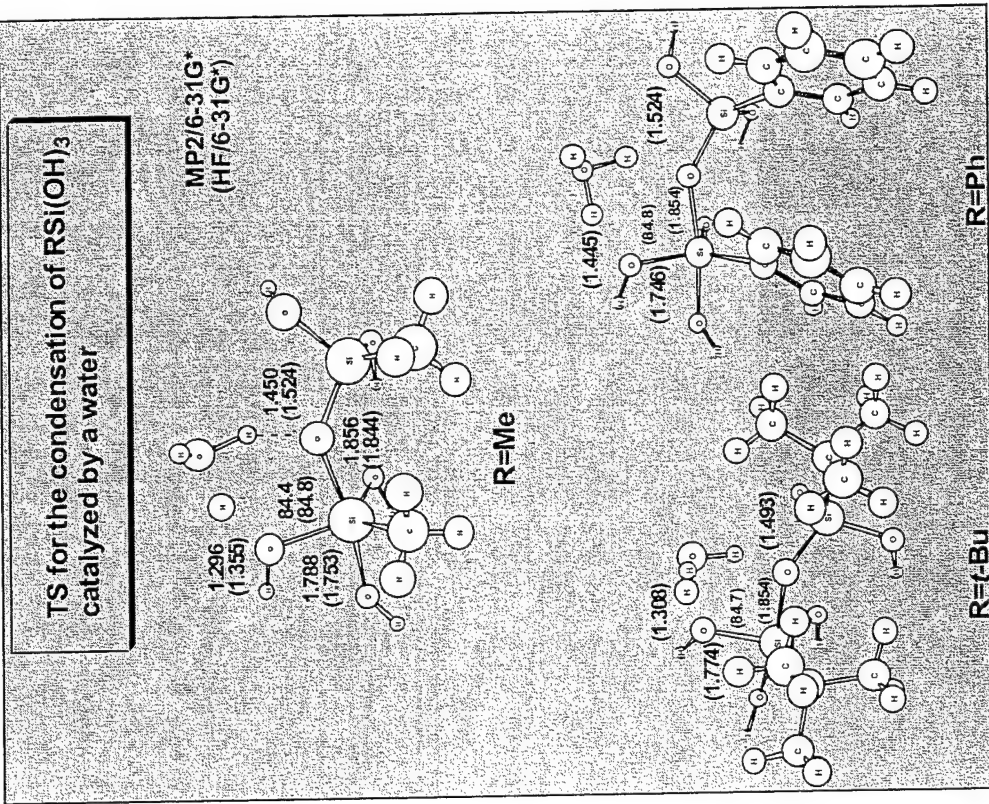


## Mechanism of formation: role of solvent ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) & substituents (R)



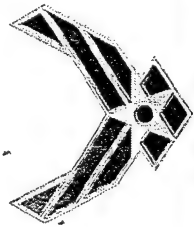
R	Energy barrier (kcal/mol)	
	HF/6-31G*	MP2/6-31G*
H	30.4 (16.7)	10.9 (-9.3)
Me	28.2 (14.7)	7.7 (-13.3)
t-Bu	34.3 (24.9)	9.8 (-9.3)
Ph	31.1 (18.2)	7.9 (-16.4)

Values in parentheses are for water-catalyzed results.



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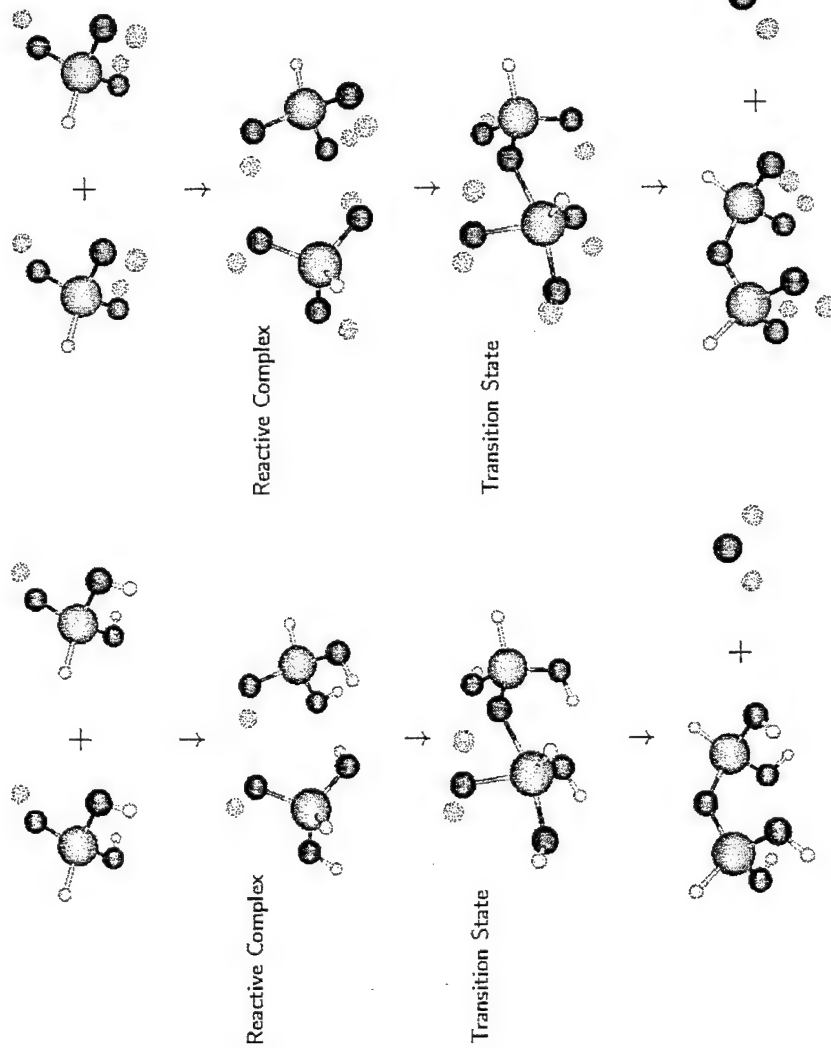




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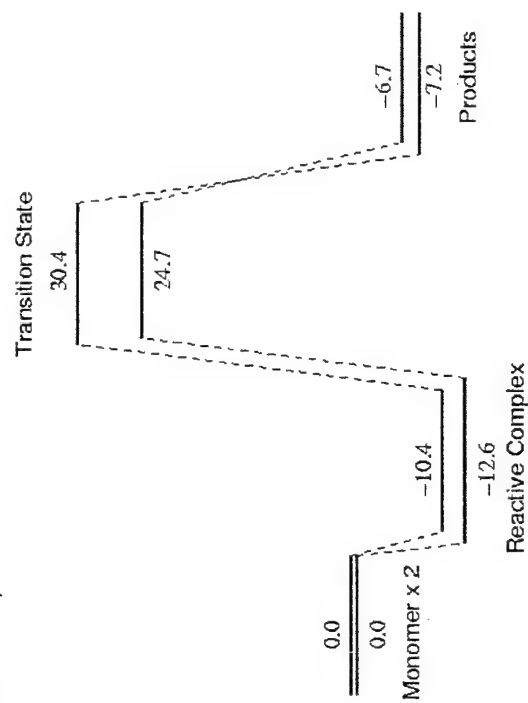


## Nuclear quantum effects in condensation reactions



Level	Monomer $\times 2$	Reactive Complex	Transition State	Products	CPU Time
RHF/6-31G*	0.0	-10.4	30.4	-7.2	1.0
NEO-HF/2	0.0	-11.4	24.9	-5.9	1.1
NEO-HF/6	0.0	-12.6	24.7	-6.7	1.8

Units in kcal/mol



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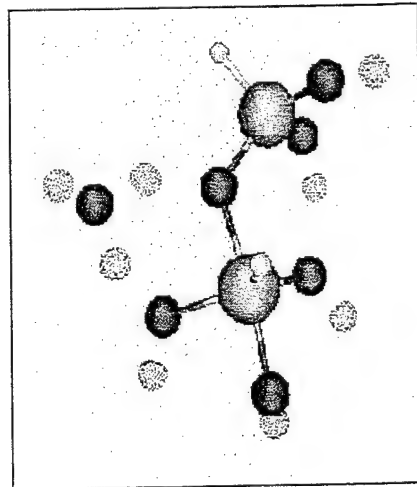
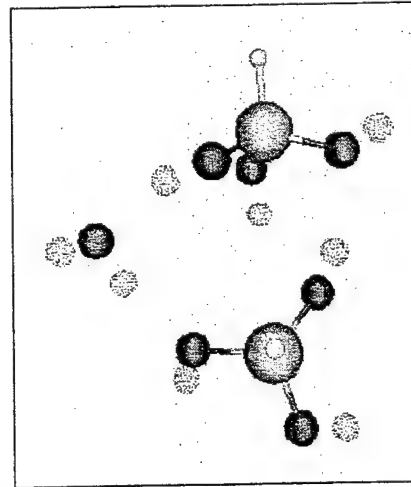
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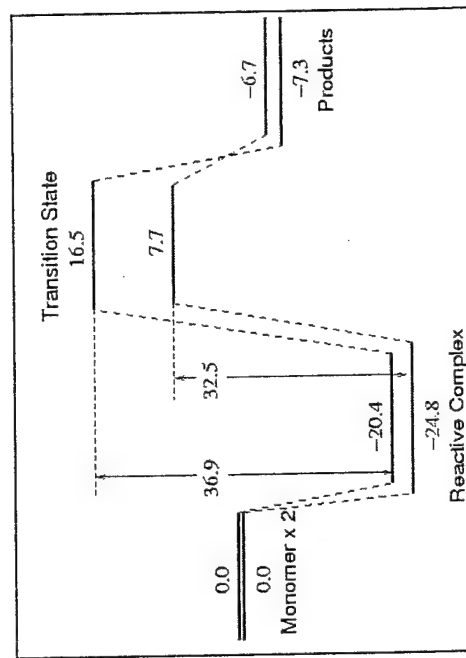
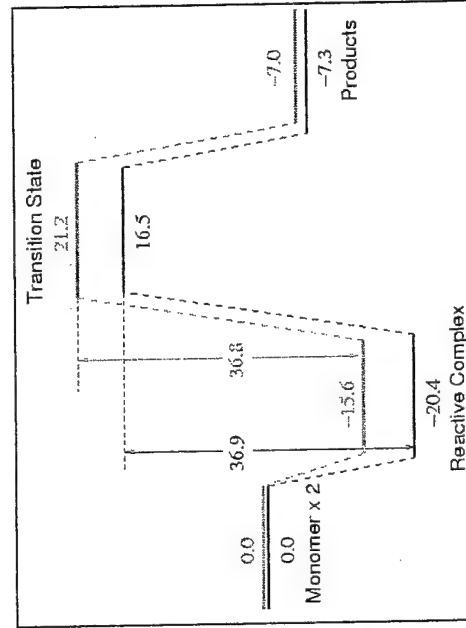
# RESULTS - POSS



Nuclear quantum effects in water-catalyzed condensation reactions



Level	Reactive Complex	Transition State	Products	CPU Time
RHF/6-31G*	-20.4	16.5	-7.3	1.0
RHF/6-31G*/ZPE	-15.6	21.2	-7.0	
NEO/HF/4	-23.0	7.2	-5.9	1.1
NEO/HF/8	-24.8	7.7	-6.7	1.8

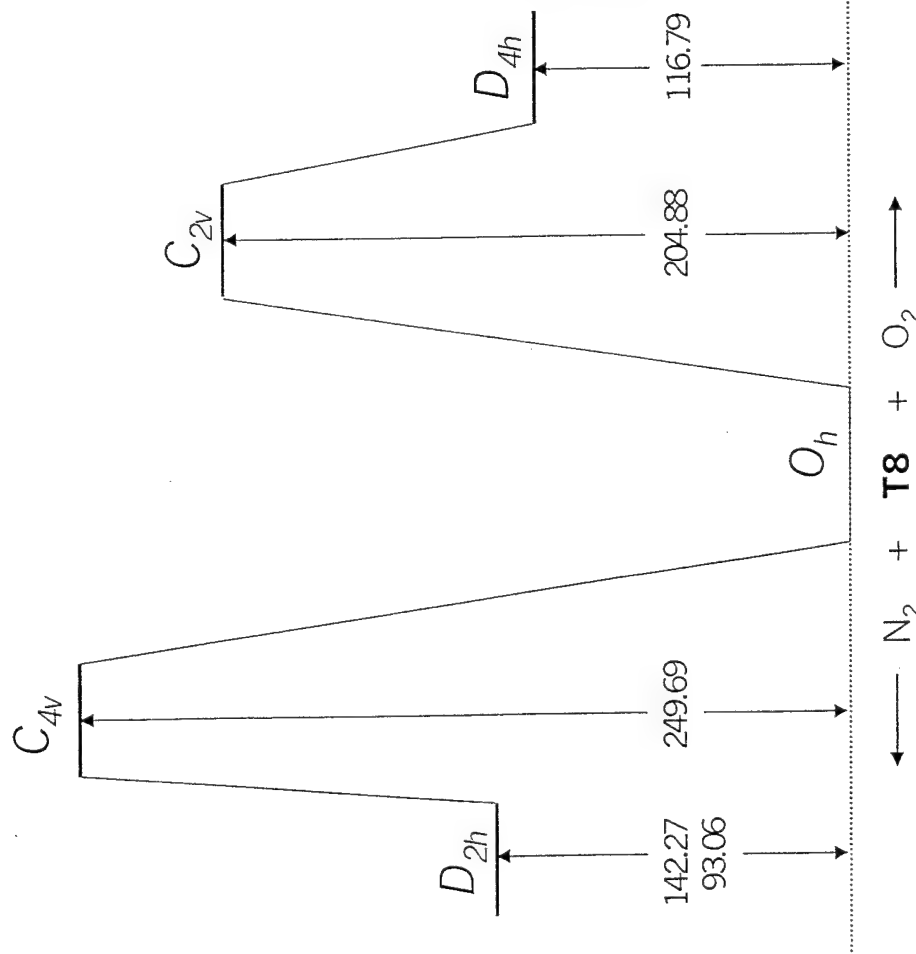




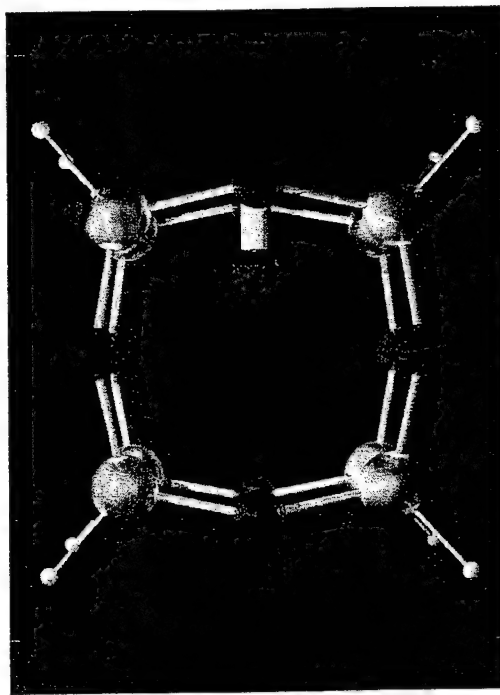
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Molecular "sieves": preferential capture  $N_2$  vs.  $O_2$ ?

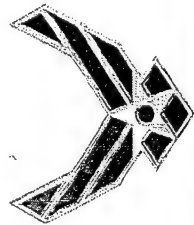


TS structure of  $T_8 + O_2$



$T_{10}$  and  $T_{12}$  calculations in progress  
HPC requirements: ~50,000 node-hrs, AHPARC T3E, 256 GB





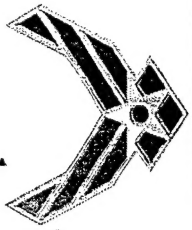
# RESULTS - NLO

## B3LYP $S_0$ - $T_1$ Excitation Energies (in eV)

System	6-31G(d)	Error	Exp
Porphyrin ( $1^3B_{2u}$ )	1.42	0.16	1.58 <sup>a</sup>
Zinc Porphyrin ( $1^3B_{1u}$ )	1.65	0.07	1.72 <sup>b</sup>
Tetraphenylporphyrin ( $1^3B_1$ )	1.31	0.14	1.45 <sup>c</sup>
Zinc Tetraphenylporphyrin( $1^3B_1$ )	1.53	0.06	1.59 <sup>d</sup>
Zinc Phthalocyanine ( $1^3B_{2u}$ )	1.05	0.08	1.13 <sup>e</sup>
Zinc Tetrabenzporphyrin ( $1^3B_{1u}$ )	1.41	0.16	1.57 <sup>f</sup>
Phthalocyanine ( $1^3B_{1u}$ )	1.18	0.06	1.24 <sup>g</sup>
Mean Error		0.10	

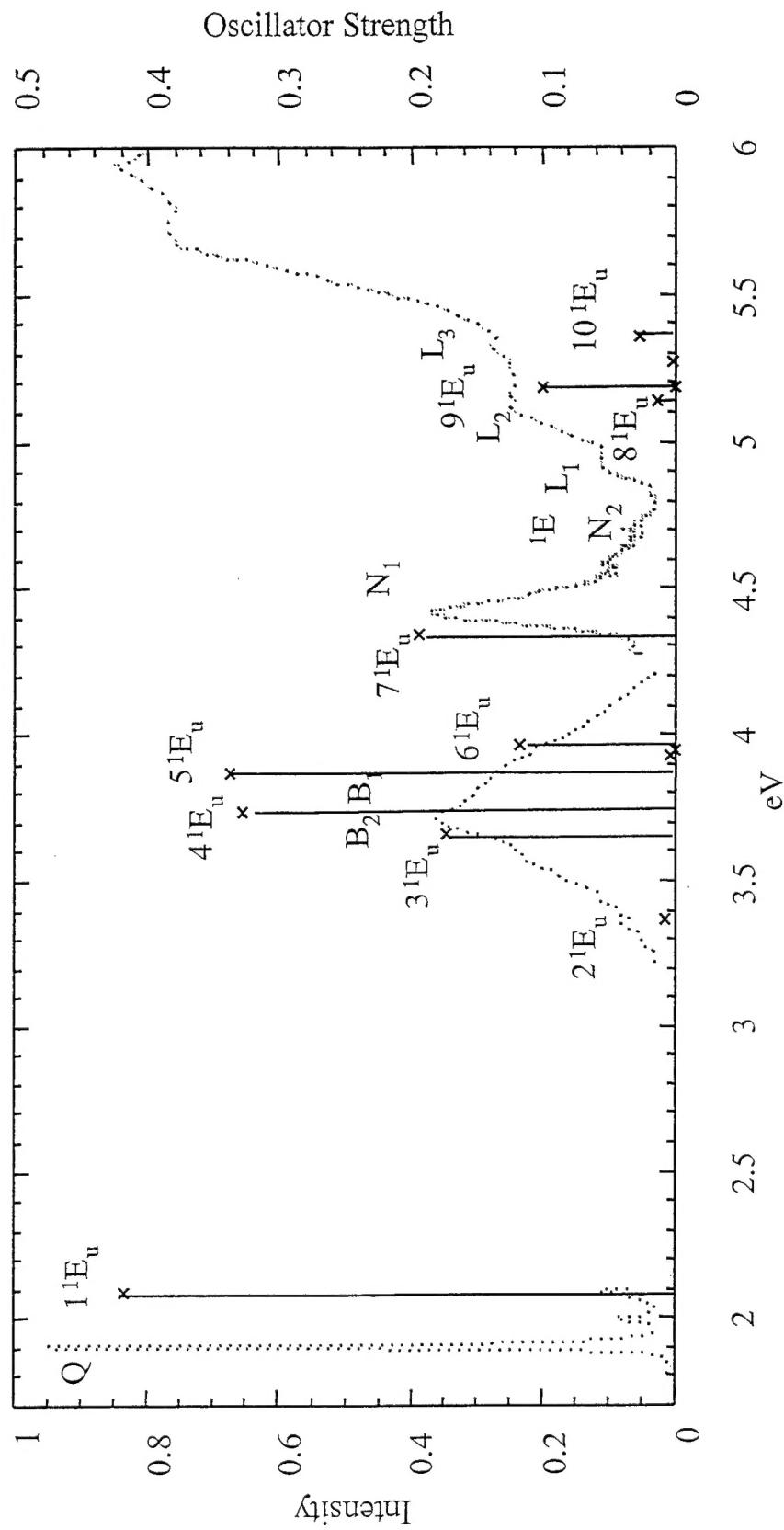
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# RESULTS - NLO

## Comparison with Experiment: ZnPc



HPC Requirements: ~100,000 CPU hours, on SGI O2K + IBM SP3 + SGI O2K @ ASC



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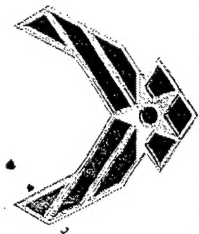


## High Energy Density Matter

- High-nitrogen/polynitrogen compounds are more energetic than hydrazine.
- Trityldiazonium cation is not a stable polynitrogen precursor.
- Inclusion of anisotropic interactions of B, Al atoms in  $sH_2$  predict greater stability than spherical interaction model.

## Polyhedral Oligomeric Silsesquioxanes (POSS)

- Proton transfer reactions for hydrolysis and condensation are catalyzed by water.
- Alkyl substituents (R) in  $RSiX_3$  have minor effects on hydrolysis and condensation reaction barriers.
- Nuclear quantum effects are important in proton transfer reactions -- lower barriers by  $>5$  kcal/mol.
- $T_8$  is too small to encapsulate  $N_2$  or  $O_2$ .

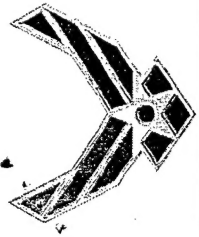


# SUMMARY (cont.)



## NLO materials

- Time-dependent density functional theory accurately predicts NLA in porphyrins.
- Computed triplet-triplet excitation energies within 0.1-0.4 eV of experiment
- Computed singlet-triplet excitation energies within 0.1-0.2 eV of experiment
- Computed ionization potentials accurate within 0.1 eV of experiment



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